

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 88 percent of the households in New Mexico took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. New Mexico households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in New Mexico took 10.3 million person-trips, an average of 5.9 trips and 4,297 miles per traveler. Visitors to New Mexico took 10.3 million person-trips, an average of 6.4 trips and 5,577 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to New Mexico has increased 94 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 137 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in New Mexico take 5.5 car trips per traveler compared with 2.3 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,167 miles) than by car (3,087 miles).
- Travelers from New Mexico who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 5.2 trips per traveler compared with 6.8 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in New Mexico are Texas, Arizona and Colorado. Texas, Colorado and California are the most popular origin states for travelers to New Mexico.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for New Mexico and the United States: 1977 and 1995






| | New Mexico | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|
| | 1977 | 1995 | Percent change | 1977 | 1995 | Percent change |
| People who live in area | | | | | | |
| Percent traveling households | 78 | 88 | 12.3 | 72 | 80 | 10.8 |
| Trips per household | 6.5 | 7.6 | 16.9 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 34.1 |
| Trips per traveling household | 8.3 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 21.1 |
| Trips per capita | 2.6 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 66.7 |
| Trips per traveler | NA | 5.9 | NA | 4.0 | 4.8 | 19.0 |
| Miles per traveler | NA | 4,297 | NA | 2,836 | 3,943 | 39.0 |
| Miles per trip | NA | 729 | NA | 709 | 827 | 16.6 |
| People who visit area | | | | | | |
| Trips per traveler | 3.3 | 6.4 | 93.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 19.0 |
| Miles per traveler | 2,357 | 5,577 | 136.6 | 2,836 | 3,943 | 39.0 |
| Miles per trip | 724 | 869 | 20.0 | 709 | 827 | 16.6 |

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



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|  | Destination of Travel |
|  | More than 20.00 |
|  | 10.01–20.00 |
|  | 1.00–10.00 |
|  | Less than 1.00 |

NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

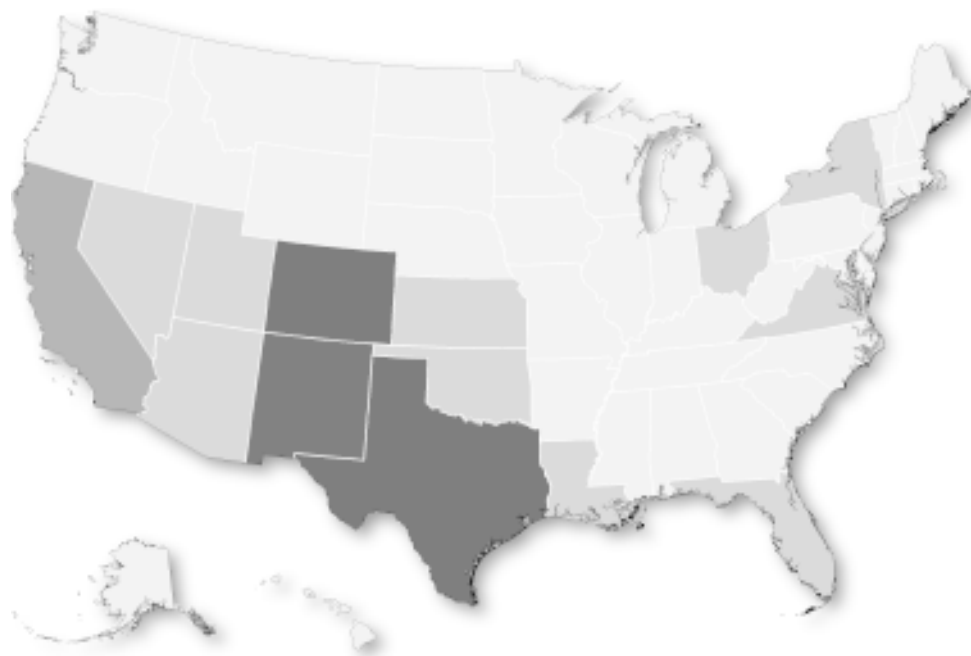
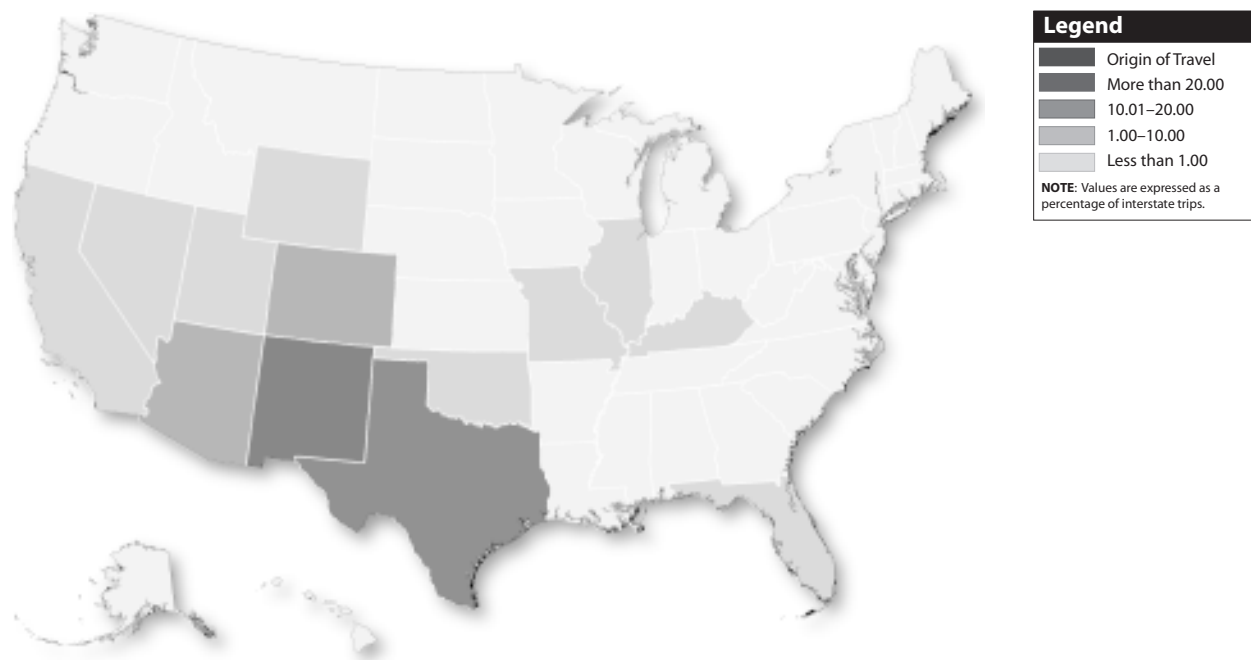


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit New Mexico (In thousands)

| TRIPS WITHIN NEW MEXICO | | 5,437 | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|----------------|-------|
| Alabama | 10 | | Missouri | 35 |
| Alaska | 5 | | Montana | 17 |
| Arizona | 339 | | Nebraska | 17 |
| Arkansas | 28 | | Nevada | 58 |
| California | 526 | | New Hampshire | 9 |
| Colorado | 969 | | New Jersey | 35 |
| Connecticut | 4 | | New York | 132 |
| Delaware | 3 | | North Carolina | 3 |
| District of Columbia | 4 | | North Dakota | 1 |
| Florida | 86 | | Ohio | 72 |
| Georgia | 6 | | Oklahoma | 126 |
| Hawaii | 3 | | Oregon | 26 |
| Idaho | 18 | | Pennsylvania | 41 |
| Illinois | 27 | | Rhode Island | 2 |
| Indiana | 17 | | South Carolina | 7 |
| Iowa | 28 | | South Dakota | 7 |
| Kansas | 71 | | Tennessee | 19 |
| Kentucky | 13 | | Texas | 1,643 |
| Louisiana | 51 | | Utah | 71 |
| Maine | 3 | | Vermont | 2 |
| Maryland | 39 | | Virginia | 61 |
| Massachusetts | 30 | | Washington | 40 |
| Michigan | 38 | | West Virginia | 1 |
| Minnesota | 29 | | Wisconsin | 22 |
| Mississippi | 16 | | Wyoming | 21 |

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error. Symbol — represents zero or rounds to zero.

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**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in New Mexico (In thousands)**

| TRIPS WITHIN NEW MEXICO | | 5,437 | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|----------------|-------|
| Alabama | 9 | | Missouri | 56 |
| Alaska | 6 | | Montana | 29 |
| Arizona | 798 | | Nebraska | 10 |
| Arkansas | 17 | | Nevada | 219 |
| California | 321 | | New Hampshire | 2 |
| Colorado | 747 | | New Jersey | 7 |
| Connecticut | 1 | | New York | 41 |
| Delaware | 1 | | North Carolina | 10 |
| District of Columbia | 54 | | North Dakota | 3 |
| Florida | 63 | | Ohio | 27 |
| Georgia | 20 | | Oklahoma | 91 |
| Hawaii | 2 | | Oregon | 33 |
| Idaho | 22 | | Pennsylvania | 16 |
| Illinois | 54 | | Rhode Island | — |
| Indiana | 19 | | South Carolina | 9 |
| Iowa | 14 | | South Dakota | 6 |
| Kansas | 21 | | Tennessee | 23 |
| Kentucky | 47 | | Texas | 1,492 |
| Louisiana | 29 | | Utah | 106 |
| Maine | 6 | | Vermont | 1 |
| Maryland | 16 | | Virginia | 12 |
| Massachusetts | 21 | | Washington | 35 |
| Michigan | 34 | | West Virginia | 1 |
| Minnesota | 16 | | Wisconsin | 29 |
| Mississippi | 3 | | Wyoming | 69 |

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for New Mexico: 1995

| | Person trips [†] | Number of travelers [†] | Trips per traveler | Miles [*] | Miles per traveler | Miles per trip |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA | 10,326 | 1,750 | 5.9 | 7,679 | 4,297 | 729 |
| Means of transportation | | | | | | |
| Personal use vehicle | 8,716 | 1,574 | 5.5 | 4,859 | 3,087 | 558 |
| Commercial air | 1,363 | 604 | 2.3 | 2,516 | 4,167 | 1,846 |
| Intercity bus | 16 | 13 | 1.2 | 15 | 1,176 | 952 |
| Train | 9 | 9 | 1.0 | 26 | 3,011 | 3,011 |
| Other | 223 | 133 | 1.7 | 263 | 1,984 | 1,182 |
| Main purpose | | | | | | |
| Business | 2,919 | 596 | 4.9 | 2,218 | 3,724 | 760 |
| Visit friends or relatives | 2,654 | 1,031 | 2.6 | 2,270 | 2,201 | 855 |
| Leisure | 2,900 | 970 | 2.0 | 1,828 | 1,884 | 630 |
| Other | 1,853 | 644 | 2.9 | 1,363 | 2,119 | 736 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Less than \$25,000 | 2,733 | 530 | 5.2 | 1,652 | 3,115 | 605 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 5,237 | 912 | 5.7 | 3,573 | 3,915 | 682 |
| \$50,000 or greater | 2,356 | 348 | 6.8 | 2,455 | 7,050 | 1,042 |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Less than 24 | 2,853 | 639 | 4.5 | 1,994 | 3,118 | 699 |
| 25 to 64 | 6,710 | 994 | 6.7 | 5,030 | 5,059 | 750 |
| 65 and over | 763 | 141 | 5.4 | 656 | 4,647 | 859 |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Male | 5,416 | 863 | 6.3 | 4,069 | 4,712 | 751 |
| Female | 4,910 | 886 | 5.5 | 3,610 | 4,075 | 735 |
| PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA | 10,268 | 1,604 | 6.4 | 8,925 | 5,577 | 869 |
| Means of transportation | | | | | | |
| Personal use vehicle | 8,397 | 998 | 8.4 | 5,071 | 5,079 | 604 |
| Commercial air | 1,690 | 554 | 3.1 | 3,646 | 6,578 | 2,157 |
| Intercity bus | 16 | 7 | 2.3 | 29 | 4,268 | 1,825 |
| Train | 8 | 3 | 2.3 | 14 | 4,486 | 1,918 |
| Other | 157 | 42 | 3.8 | 149 | 3,590 | 952 |
| Main purpose | | | | | | |
| Business | 2,859 | 333 | 8.6 | 2,469 | 7,407 | 864 |
| Visit friends or relatives | 2,364 | 482 | 4.9 | 2,222 | 4,612 | 940 |
| Leisure | 3,884 | 707 | 5.5 | 3,280 | 4,637 | 844 |
| Other | 1,161 | 206 | 5.6 | 939 | 4,560 | 809 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Less than \$25,000 | 1,899 | 246 | 7.7 | 1,194 | 4,849 | 629 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 4,811 | 565 | 8.5 | 3,210 | 5,679 | 667 |
| \$50,000 or greater | 3,558 | 593 | 5.0 | 4,505 | 7,595 | 1,266 |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Less than 24 | 2,510 | 392 | 6.4 | 1,828 | 4,669 | 728 |
| 25 to 64 | 7,071 | 898 | 7.9 | 6,300 | 7,015 | 891 |
| 65 and over | 687 | 98 | 7.0 | 782 | 8,003 | 1,138 |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Male | 5,610 | 720 | 7.8 | 4,817 | 6,693 | 859 |
| Female | 4,658 | 664 | 7.0 | 4,093 | 6,162 | 879 |

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